



**Press statement issued on behalf of the Executive Mayor of Midvaal Municipality  
Cllr Timothy Nast**

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**Severe flooding in Midvaal**

Over the past 24hrs Mivaal received more than 175 mm of rain add to this all the water flowing into the Klipriver from Johannesburg and the Ekuruleni has resulted in wide spread flooding in Henly on Klip, Rothdene and Daleside. Community members in the affected areas are evacuating their homes and finding alterative accommodation. Midvaal Emergency Services were on hand to assist and continue to monitor the water levels.

“This is a terrible tragedy when so many families are preparing to go away for the Christmas Holidays and the Midvaal Municipality will do all we can to assist” said Executive Mayor Nast. Emergency Services and Social Services are doing all they can to assist communities in need. Generally communities have pulled together and are assisting each other to move furniture and give neighbours a place to stay.

Affected roads have been closed to traffic and will remain closed until the water has subsided and damage can be assessed. Please cooperate with traffic officials and use alternative routes when travelling into affected areas. The municipality is urging all community members to be cautious in and around these areas and not to visit these areas for spectator value and respect the privacy of the residents affected.

If any community members require assistance with food or emergency housing please contact Midvaal Municipality’s emergency services 016 360 7500

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